GEORGEOGRAPHY OF OUR HILLS.

THREE INTERESTING ADDRESSES.

Three interesting addresses on the subject of "The Geography of Our Hills" were given in the Society's Public Lecture Room, Institute Building, North ter-
nace, by Mr. T. H. Herbert, Mr. T. H. R. West, and Mr. H. T. M. Lay. All of the addresses dealt with different aspects of the subject, and each speaker had prepared a series of slides to illustrate the points he wished to make.

Mr. T. H. Herbert spoke on the geology of the Adelaide Hills, and showed a series of slides illustrating the various geological layers that make up the hills. He also discussed the methods used in geophysical prospecting, and the importance of understanding the geological structure of an area.

Mr. T. H. R. West spoke on the hydrology of the Adelaide Hills, and showed a series of slides illustrating the various watercourses and reservoirs in the area. He also discussed the methods used in water resource management, and the importance of understanding the hydrological cycle.

Mr. H. T. M. Lay spoke on the vegetation of the Adelaide Hills, and showed a series of slides illustrating the various vegetation zones that can be found in the area. He also discussed the methods used in forest management, and the importance of understanding the ecological relationships in a forest.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

EXEMPT FROM PAYING RATES.

The Municipal Corporation further amended the rates in connexion with the University of Adelaide (Mr. T. J. B. Jones) in the Legis-
lature. The amendment was given to a number of amendments, but the one affecting the University was the one that was most widely discussed. Mr. M. J. Kelly, the Minister for Education, moved the amendment, which was accepted by the House.

The amendment exempted the University of Adelaide from paying rates on its property, provided that the University agreed to pay a certain amount of money annually to the State Treasury. The University agreed to this arrangement, and the amendment was passed without division.

OBSERVATORY WANTED.

In Central Australia, the Government Astronomer's Plea.

Following upon the recent solar eclipse, and the ideal climate conditions encountered in the centre of Australia for a period of days, the Government Astronomer (Mr. J. F. Delworth) has made a plea for an observatory to be established there. The following letter was read in Parliament:

"Mr. Speaker, I am writing to you with reference to the possibilities of establishing an observatory in the centre of Australia. The ideal climate conditions that have prevailed over the past few days have been of great interest to astronomers, and it is my belief that an observatory in this area would provide a valuable opportunity for research.

The location is ideal, with clear skies and minimal atmospheric disturbance. The government has the necessary land and resources to establish such an observatory. I hope that you will consider this matter further.

Thank you for your time and consideration."